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MEMORANDUM FOR: Addressees Below

FROM: General Counsel
Legislative CounselSUBJECT: Revision of the National Security Act of 1947
and the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949

1. In anticipation of a sweeping review of the CIA's charter legislation (National Security Act of 1947 and CIA Act of 1949) by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Legislative Counsel have initiated a joint effort to pull together our thoughts about our basic statutory authorities and determine what legislative proposals we could recommend or support.

2. We request that the various components in your Directorate or Office review the statutory authorities on which they rely in performing their functions, with a view toward:

- a. identifying those areas where statutory authority should be supplemented;
- b. identifying those areas where existing statutory authority is superfluous;
- c. identifying those areas where some change in existing statute is desirable for one reason or another.

We are attempting to develop the best possible charter for the DCI, the Agency, and the IC staff in accord with E.O. 11905. But, of course, it must be one which is politically realistic and responsible. Your suggestions should reflect these considerations.

3. Please forward your suggestions to in the Office of Legislative Counsel, 7D35 HQ. It would be helpful if we could have these suggestions by 11 August 1976.

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